

Constable Country Benefice



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattingstone

Four Parishes - One Benefice – Stronger in Unity

This Sunday - 31st May

Tattingstone

10am Benefice Communion Service

This is a service for all four parishes with a traditional feel. We are hoping the choir shall lead our sung worship at this wonderful opportunity to share Communion together as a Benefice.

Parking will be available in the Village Hall car park. If anyone needs a lift, please let Michelle know.

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13.11–end

Matthew 28.16–end

Next Sunday – 7th June

8am BCP Service at East Bergholt
(Rev Chris)

10.30am Connect service (*with group for younger children during the service*) at Brantham including blessing for Rory, followed by the Benefice Rectory Picnic

Constable 250 Flower Festival begins with afternoon tea at 4pm

12pm - 5.30pm Fiddlers Elbow playing in St. Mary's, East Bergholt

1st Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 12.1–9

Psalm 33.1–12

Romans 4.13–end

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

COLLECT

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds
with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign
in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen

THEREFORE go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age

Matthew 28:19-20

This Week

Monday 1 st June	9am-4pm Ipswich midwives “away-day” in East Bergholt 2.50pm Assembly at EBPS (Ruth and OtB team)
Daily Reading	1 Samuel 2.1–10; Mark 3.31–end
Tuesday 2 nd June	7.30pm Archdeacon’s Visitation and installation of Deanery Church Warden’s service at East Bergholt. Please come and support all our Benefice Church Wardens.
Daily Reading	Joshua 7.1–15; Luke 10.25–37
Wednesday 3 rd June	9.30am BCP Service at East Bergholt (Rev Peter) 10am Take a Break Coffee, incorporating “Knit & Natter” at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 7.16–end; Luke 10.38–end
Thursday 4 th June	9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory
Daily Reading	Joshua 8.30–end; Luke 11.14–28
Friday 5 th June	9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 9.3–26; Luke 11.29–36
Saturday 6 th June <i>Rev Chris rest day</i>	9am-9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham 1.30pm-3.30pm visit to East Bergholt from Suffolk Organists 7pm Brass and Ivories concert at East Bergholt
Daily Reading	Joshua 10.1–15; Luke 11.37–end

- ❖ **Family Friendly Services** are held at 4pm on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Bring the family to one of our all-age family friendly services with stories, songs, activities and cake, lasting 40-45 minutes. Our next family services are 14th June at East Bergholt and 28th June at Brantham
- ❖ **The Gathering:** A contemporary service with worship, word and prayer. With tea, coffee and cake! Held at St. Mary’s East Bergholt every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting at 6.30pm.
- ❖ **The Benefice Discussion Group** is being held in the West End, East Bergholt every other Tuesday. We are discussing John Pritchard's book "20 Questions Jesus Asked; and how they speak to us today". As usual, it is available at Amazon etc. and costs about £10. It is based on 20 short gospel passages where Jesus often turns the tables on those interrogating him. Each week there will be 3 or 4 questions to consider. Contact Rev Roy at rseden@gmail.com for further details.

Looking further ahead.....



Monday 8th June

- 2.30pm East Bergholt Magazine meeting at East Bergholt
- 2.50pm Assembly at East Bergholt Primary School (Nick)

Tuesday 9th

- 1.30pm Benefice Discussion Group at East Bergholt

Wednesday 10th

- 2pm Ministry team meeting at the rectory
- 7pm Deanery synod at East Bergholt

Thursday 11th

- 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory
- 1pm Burial of Ashes of Victoria Garrard at Brantham
- 10am- 2pm Fiddler's Elbow playing in East Bergholt
- 2pm MU Meeting at East Bergholt
- 6.30pm Bells and Bubbles - Constable 250 bellringing to celebrate his actual birthday
- 7pm Connect Youth at the Rectory

Friday 12th

- 9.30am-11.30am Toddlers and Carers at East Bergholt
- 6pm Choir practice at East Bergholt

Saturday 13th

- 9am - 9.30am Benefice prayer for mission at Brantham

Sunday 14th

- 10am Morning Worship with Communion at East Bergholt (Rev Roy)
- 10am Morning Worship with Communion at Bentley (Rev Don)
- 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Brantham (Rev Peter)
- 11.30am Baptism service for Alfie at Tattingstone
- 4pm family@church at East Bergholt (led by Fiona)
- 6pm Evensong at Tattingstone
- 6.30pm The Gathering at East Bergholt

Pray for the church family:

- Monday:** Linda Daynes; Jeanette; Steve Newman; Sandra Jermyn; Marian Scott; Carole Wheatley; Christopher Lewis; Rev Chris Chapman
- Tuesday:** Hilary Taylor; Margaret and Helen Wheatley; Christine Page; Daphne Glen; Carol Whitby; Marion Noble; Frances Grimwood
- Wednesday:** Jonathan Fermor; Jo and William Marston; Mandy Churchill; Wendie Felgate; Adi Lavender
- Thursday:** Peter Green; Margaret Burridge and the Youth Group
- Friday:** Mary West; Annie Winckler; Eva Rainey; Valerie Ayton; Lynn

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

The families and friends of Eileen Blomfield; Raymond Savage; Lee Abbott; Brian Peters and all who grieve at this time of their sad loss.

Keeping connected....

- ❖ **Getting to services** - do you need a lift to our services (or can provide lifts for others) please contact Michelle - michelle@constablebenefice.org / 07955 329341.
- ❖ **Weekly emails/blog** - if you would like to receive the weekly email, please message Michelle to add your name to our distribution list.
- ❖ **Alpha** - each year we run a least one Alpha course exploring life and the Christian faith. Contact Rev Chris revchris@constablebenefice.org / 07566 871270 for more information.
- ❖ **Discussion groups** - a few discussion groups are held throughout the year, if you would like to join contact Rev Roy - rseden@gmail.com / 07806 940407
- ❖ **Connect Youth Group** – A weekly group aimed at teenagers with fun faith and friends... contact Rev Chris or Issy Smith - 07941 096809
- ❖ **Open the Book** -taking bible stories into school with drama. If interested contact Ruth Bull ruthbull@btinternet.com / 01206 298733
- ❖ **Moving Up Club** – For the “younger” youth - for those in school years 6, 7 and 8. Held at St Michael’s Brantham. Speak to Len or Issy Smith or Rev. Chris for more details or email: youth@constablebenefice.org

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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Revd Peter Ball 01206 393316 | Revd Roy Seden 07806 940407 | Revd Don Mehen 01473 310383

Readers

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Churchwardens

East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Jane Pavitt	01473 328512
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East Bergholt	Fiona Trott	01206 298205	Brantham	Sarah McCraw	07977 808994
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Choir Leader: Julian Merson

Organists: **Brantham** - David McLachlan **Tattingstone** - Jane Gould **Bentley** - Wilf Newport-Herring